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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated that the Government of India have set up an Export Promotion Council for pepper and cashewnut. I hope that a corporation also is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" As cashewnut is a dollar-earning commodity and as cashewnut industry is monopolised by English companies like Parry & Co., will the Government themselves be pleased to start cashewnut industry in various centres where cashewnut is grown? The Central Minimum Wage Advisory Board has unanimously recommended to the Government the payment of a minimum wage to the workers and I want to know from the Hon. Minister . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The second part of the question does not arise. The first part will be answered."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Government are fully aware of the importance of this both as an agricultural product and as an industrial product and as to what should be done to the workers engaged in the industry. I may tell this House that there is a programme to bring under cashewnut cultivation 34,000 acres of additional lands within a period of ten years."

Recruitment of Sub-Magistrates in the State.

* 1984 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether recently persons were recruited to the post of Sub-Magistrates in the State;

(*b*) the number of persons applied, the number of persons selected and who was the selection authority; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a large number of Brahmins were selected even overlooking the claims of Backward Class candidates and if so, what the reasons were?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) (i) For direct recruitment—

Number of persons applied—55.

Number of persons selected—16.

Selection authority—The Madras Public Service Commission.

(ii) For recruitment by transfer—

Number of persons applied—39.

Number of persons selected—10.

Selection authority—The High Court, Madras.

" (*c*) No, Sir."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" How many were selected by direct recruitment from Backward Classes, how many from Scheduled Cast seo,hw many from Brahmin Community and how many from Non-Brahmin community? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Four candidates from Backward Classes were recruited by direct recruitment, and in the recruitment by the High Court two Backward Class candidates were taken. Thus, on the whole six were taken. I do not have figures with regard to Non-Brahmans and Brahmans."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Among the Backward Class applicants, how many from the Vanniyakula Kshatriya community applied and were any of them selected? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We do not recognize Vanniyakula Kshatriyas as a separate entity within the Backward Classes. The entire category of Backward Classes is taken as a whole and so I have got figures only for Backward Classes as a whole."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" In clause (c) of the question, I have specifically mentioned that a large number of Brahmans had been selected. We understand that of late, caste appellations are not to be mentioned in the applications for admission to medical colleges, engineering colleges, etc., for obvious reasons. How are we to understand whether only members of a particular community had been selected or whether the selection had been done by taking in members of all the communities equitably? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member knows that we can make reservations for Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes. As far as the other sector is concerned everyone has to compete irrespective of the caste, creed or religion to which he belongs. Hereafter it is not be possible to have communitywise figures with regard to those other than the Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" I really appreciate that no preference can be given to any community in this land. But in view of the paucity of the people of this community being employed in this State, I submit that there will not be even one or two in the judicial service, whether as a criminal judicial officer or as a civil judicial officer. May I, therefore, beseech the Hon. the Finance Minister, to be more proper, the Hon. the Law Minister, to recruit them? " 9- a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry we cannot give representation to every community on the basis of community. After all, we can recognize only backward sections of the community as a whole. That is recognized and proper representation is given to them. Reservation is made for them."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether any ladies have been recruited? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I really forgot that the hon. Member might put a supplementary question of this nature. Hereafter I shall bear this in mind and get figures."

Labour dispute in the Cheroli Mills.

* 1985 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what conciliation measures the Government have taken in the labour dispute between the workers and the management of Cheroli Mills Kunhimangalam, North Malabar, regarding the dismissal of 5 workers from the mills on 15th December 1954 without giving any notice either to the workers or to the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is reported that no worker employed in the mills was dismissed from service."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, I want to make a correction in the question. The name of the mills is Chenoli Mills and not Cheroli Mills. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government are aware that the Regional Factory Inspector visited the factory and found that the names of many workers were not entered in the register? He has found out that about 50 workers had been dismissed. May I know wherefrom the Government got this information—whether it was from the Labour Officer or whether it was from the Regional Inspector of Factories—that there was no such dismissal and that there were efforts at conciliation? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, conducted an inquiry on the 7th February 1955 regarding the alleged dismissal of workers and he listened to both the management and the workers. The workers submitted to the Labour Officer a list of workers who, they said, had been dismissed. The Labour Officer obtained from the management the muster roll and the wage register of the factory and found none of those names in the register. Therefore, it is now clear that those who had been dismissed were not the workers who were on the muster roll and the wage register. Perhaps, they were casual labourers."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Will the Hon. Minister call for a report from the Regional Factory Inspector in view of the fact that there is a possibility of the muster roll having been burked? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If any specific allegation is made to the Government, the Government will inquire into the matter."